

**Name:** Michael Patch  
**Title:** Maintenance Superintendent  
**Location:** Miles City Maintenance, Glendive District  
**Time with MDT:** 35 years

**Tell us about yourself...**

For most of my life my home has been Miles City. For the past 30 years I have been the an Eastern "A" High School Football coach in Miles City, during this time we won 6 of the 10 state championships that we played in! My wife and I have two children and enjoy hunting/fishing, turkey hunting with close friends, mountain bike riding, college football, weight lifting and a good bottle of red wine.

**A typical day includes...**

I work with all five of my crews on general maintenance activities. I start my day by checking the weather and reviewing emails, paperwork and any issues that are brought in by the public. I try to be on the road or out of the office working on projects 2 ½ days a week; this allows me to work with my section employees and crews in person rather than through e-mails and telephone.

**Qualities needed to do this job include...**

Leadership skills and decision making are a big part of my job. I believe that flexibility, being hones and fair and having the ability to accept change are also important.

**My favorite things about working at MDT and why I stay here include...**

The people!!! I enjoy my job and have a great staff tow work with. After working a number summers for the Department I made the decision to accept a full-time opportunity and have not looked back, but forward. I enjoy being outdoors and working on projects with my sections and crews as well as working with the public.